

Animal Safety Alert

TOXIC Blue-Green Algae



When in Doubt... Stay Out!

If you see a bloom, do not let your pet in the water.

- Toxic algal blooms can poison animals, wildlife, and people.
- Toxic blooms can be different colors: green, blue, red, or brown.
- Blooms appear as foam, scum, or streaks on the surface of water.
- Look for blooms in lakes, ponds, and rivers.



If your pets go in the water:

- Do not let them lick their fur.
- Rinse them with clean water.
- Rinse your hands and any exposed skin.

Dogs can have severe signs within minutes to hours.

Look for these signs:

- Low energy • Weakness
- Not eating • Drooling
- Vomiting • Diarrhea
- Stumbling • Paralysis
- Seizures • Tremors

If your pet becomes ill – Call your veterinarian immediately.

Report animal poisonings to your local health department:



The Ohio Department of
Health

Visit the Ohio Department of Health HAB Website:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/algalblooms.aspx>

or Visit the Ohio Department of Agriculture Website:

<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/ai.aspx>

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